

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 146

By Coleman

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Olivia Claire Robinson
for her great courage and resourcefulness.

WHEREAS, over much of its history, Tennessee has been known as the Volunteer State, because it has been the home of so many valiant men, women, and children who have responded with great courage and strength of character in times of trouble and adversity; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding Tennessean is eleven-year-old Olivia Claire Robinson of Murfreesboro, who on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, acted with courage and resourcefulness to save the life of a fellow student who was choking; and

WHEREAS, Claire successfully performed the Heimlich Maneuver on fellow classmate Madison Mooneyham, who had started choking on a hotdog, while the two students were eating lunch in the cafeteria of Northfield Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the quick thinking Claire had learned about the Heimlich Maneuver from television and had even practiced on her sister, Chloe, in the past; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of proud parents Ken and Teresa Robinson, Claire is being hailed as a hero by her classmates; and

WHEREAS, she is especially revered by Madison, who says Claire is a "Class Act;" their friendship has deepened since the choking incident; and

WHEREAS, Olivia Claire Robinson clearly demonstrated bravery and self possession far in excess of what might be expected from one so young; her courage and strength of character are clearly deserving of special recognition and praise; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Olivia Claire Robinson of Murfreesboro for her outstanding demonstration of courage, resourcefulness, and presence of mind in saving the life of a classmate, as we join with her family, her schoolmates, the people of Murfreesboro, and all the citizens of Tennessee in expressing our admiration and appreciation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer our best wishes to Claire and her family for every success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.